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SUBJ: UNITAS XVI NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIP (NPW) VISIT

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1. THE SUBJECT OF US NPW PARTICIPATION IN UNITAS XVI WAS DISCUSSED AND AGREED TO IN PRINCIPLE WITH VENEZUELAN NAVY REPRESENTATIVES AT THE UNITAS PLANNING CONFERENCE HELD IN PUERTO RICO THE WEEK OF MAY 5, 1975. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VENEZUELAN NAVY WERE RADM ALI BRICENO AGELVIS, VENEZUELAN NAVAL SQUADRON COMMANDER; AND CAPT JOSE ANGEL RODRIGUEZ MOTTOLA, COMMANDER OF THE DESTROYER SQUADRON.

2. SUBSEQUENTLY CAPT JESUS ALBERTO TABORDA, DIRECTOR OF NUCLEAR AFFAIRS IN THE VENEZUELAN NAVY, DISCUSSED US NPW PORT VISITS WITH THE US NAVAL ATTACHE AT THIS EMBASSY. A COPY OF THE US "STANDARD STATEMENT" WAS PROVIDED TO CAPT TABORDA AND ALSO TO CAPT NOEL SANCHEZ LUNA, THE VENEZUELAN NAVY'S CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE, WHO LATER INFORMED THE US NAVAL ATTACHE THAT HE HAD IN TURN PASSED THE STANDARD STATEMENT ON TO RADM MANUEL DIAZ UGUETO, CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE OF THE VENEZUELAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE.

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3. INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS WITH THE NAVAL ATTACHE BOTH ADMIRALS

DIAZ UGUETO AND SANCHEZ LUNA HAVE STATED THAT THE VENEZUELAN NAVY IS PLEASED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH A US NPW, THAT THE VENEZUELAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE IS SATISFIED WITH THE US STANDARD STATEMENT, AND THAT THERE WILL BE NO PROBLEMS IN GRANTING PORT CLEARANCE FOR A US NPW VISIT SHOULD WE SO REQUEST.

4. BASED ON THESE ASSURANCES, IT APPEARS NOW THAT USS SKATE SHOULD BE ABLE TO VISIT VENEZUELA IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNITAS XVI OPERATIONS WITHOUT DIFFICULTY.
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